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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO  
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- 1 1. (amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public  
2 switched telephone network comprising:  
3 a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-  
4 lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-  
5 cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) between two or more central  
6 offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange  
7 carrier (ILEC).
- 1 7. (amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave network  
2 which overlays a public switched telephone network comprising the steps of:  
3 (2) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,  
4 said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;  
5 (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-  
6 fice facility (IOF) between two or more central offices, tandem switches or other prem-  
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6 offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange  
7 carrier (ILEC) and one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises con-  
8 trolled by a common carrier other than said ILEC.
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9       said ILEC.